



COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter

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Service Spotlight: Passports are back!

Traveling the world?!

Passport Services are back at the Coventry Public Library!

We are once again accepting passport appointments. Appointments are required. Please call the library at 401-822-9105 for more information and to make an appointment.



Daytime Book Group
Monday, Aug. 25th @ 1 p.m.
Call the Midwife by Jennifer Worth

"At the age of twenty-two, Jennifer Worth leaves her comfortable home to move into a convent and become a midwife in postwar London's East End slums.

The colorful characters she meets while delivering babies - from the plucky, warmhearted nuns with whom she lives, to the woman with twenty-four children, to the prostitutes and dockers of the city's seedier side - illuminate a fascinating time in history."

For more info, contact Jessica at 822-9104 or jcoppa@coventrylibrary.org.

Greene Farmers Market! Tuesdays, 4 - 6 p.m.

Greene's popular Farmer's Market returns for the summer - every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Columbus Day at the Greene Library, 179 Hopkins Hill Road, Greene, RI! Featuring wonderful vendors like West Meadowbrook Farm, The Lavender Ewe, Nancy's Fancies, Tamarack Farm, Denise Vaz Jewelry, Sheff's Sweets, Lavoie Birdhouses, and more.



Book Clubs:

Studies in Crime *FULL*
Wednesday, Aug. 20th @ 5:30 p.m.
The Good Nurse by Charles Graeber

"After his December 2003 arrest, registered nurse Charlie Cullen was quickly dubbed 'The Angel of Death' by the media.

But Cullen was no mercy killer, nor was he a simple monster. He was a favorite son, husband, beloved father, best friend, and celebrated caregiver. Implicated in the deaths of as many as 300 patients, he was also perhaps the most prolific serial killer in American history."

The Studies in Crime Book Group is currently full. Please contact Kylie at KStaigers@coventrylibrary.org or 822-9105 for further information.



Evening Book Group
Monday, Aug. 25th @ 6:30 p.m.
Orphan Train, by Christina Kline

"Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer is close to 'aging out' out of the foster care system. A community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home is the only thing keeping Molly out of juvie and worse....

As she helps Vivian sort through her possessions and memories, Molly learns that she and Vivian aren't as different as they seem to be. A young Irish immigrant orphaned in New York City, Vivian was put on a train to the Midwest with hundreds of other children whose destinies would be determined by luck and chance.

Molly discovers that she has the power to help Vivian find answers to mysteries that have haunted her for her entire life--answers that will ultimately free them both."

For more information, please contact Reference at 822-9105 or email JSturgeon@coventrylibrary.org.



Library Hours

Mon - Thu: 9am - 8pm
Fridays: 9am - 5pm
Saturdays: 9am - 1 pm
Sundays: Closed

Holiday Closures:

Monday, August 11th
in honor of Victory Day



Staff Picks

Dawn's Picks Circulation Assistant



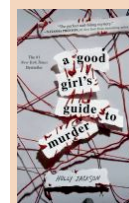
The Summer I Turned Pretty
by Jenny Han

"Belly spends the summer she turns sixteen at the beach just like every other summer of her life, but this time things are very different.."



We Were Liars
by E. Lockhart

"Each summer the seemingly perfect Sinclair family meets on their private island. Cadence, Johnny, Mirren, and Gat are a unit, especially during "summer 15," marking their 15th year - the summer that Cady and Gat fall in love. But Cady became involved in a mysterious accident, in which she sustained a blow to the head, and now suffers from debilitating migraines and memory loss."



A Good Girl's Guide to Murder
by Holly Jackson

"Everyone in Fairview knows the story. Pretty and popular Andy Bell was murdered by her boyfriend, Sal Singh, who then killed himself. It was all anyone could talk about.

After five years, Pip sees how the tragedy still haunts her town. But she can't shake the feeling that there was more to what happened that day."

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"Books are a uniquely portable magic"
- Stephen King, author

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Children

Children's Summer Reading Challenge

This summer, the theme of the Coventry Public Library's summer reading program is "Level Up at Your Library."

From August 12th through August 16th, children who have been registered for the children's summer reading challenge can check-in at Youth Services, with their completed reading log, for their final prize.

Please call Youth Services at 822-9102 with any questions.



Children's Reading Group: Kids Reading Across RI Book Group Wednesday, August 6th @ 2 p.m.

Children entering grades 3-6 will participate in a book discussion and create a collage on canvas.

Registration takes place in Youth Services. Children who register will receive a free copy of

The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read by Rita L. Hubbard & Oge Mora. Please call Youth Services at 822-9102 with any questions.

The statewide Rhode Island Summer Reading Program is supported by the RI Office of Library and Information Services, with funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Special thanks to the Town of Coventry for their support of this program.



MobileQuest: STEM Passport Program Thursday, August 7th @ 1 p.m.

A fun and interactive STEM program for children entering grades K-5.

Children will complete their passport by visiting different science stations including robots, a green screen, building manipulatives and more!

Registration is required, as space is limited. Please register online at coventrylibrary.org.

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Teens

Time to Turn in Your Reading Logs!

Teens who have participated in the Teen Summer Reading Program and have been tracking their reading, can bring their logs in for check in starting August 12th! All teens who check in their log will receive: a full size candy, a drawstring back pack, 10 stickers, and one entry for a raffle prize. Teens will get more entries for the big raffle prizes based on how many stickers they have collected this summer from participating in programs and challenges!

Logs will be accepted through August 28th. If you have any questions, please see the Teen Librarian.



UNO Tournament! Friday, August 15th @ 2 p.m.

Join us on Friday, August 15th at 2:00PM, for our UNO Tournament! Teens entering grades 6-12 can register to come to this event from 2pm to 4pm.

This is only for those entering grades 6-12 and registration is required to attend.



SafeSitter Babysitting Program Friday, August 22nd @ 9 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Join us August 22nd for our SafeSitter program. This is for ages 11-15 and registration is required.

Registration is required and you can register by stopping by the library.

Due to the increase in cost of the program for the library, there is a \$25 fee for teens to attend in either cash or a check made out to "Town of Coventry". If you would like to attend, but are not able to make the payment, please see the Teen Librarian.

Space is extremely limited, so please register as soon as possible.



School Year Volunteering

Volunteer applications for the school year will be available starting August 18th on our website and at the library.

Teens in grades 7-12 can apply to a volunteer at the library. If you need hours for school, please apply sooner rather than later to make sure you get the hours you need.

If you have any questions, please contact the teen librarian.



Adults

Adult Summer Reading Challenge!



Reading and/or listening to books this summer?! Sign up for our Summer Reading Program to earn raffle tickets for the books you read - and you'll be entered to win one of these great prizes:

- Grand prize: Inflatable kayak
- 2nd prize: \$100 gift certificate to Dave's Marketplace
- 3rd prize: \$50 gift certificate to the Bean Barn Coffee Shop

3 book minimum to receive (3) raffle tickets, with one additional raffle ticket for each book read/listened to after that. To be entered in the raffle, complete your paper /online Summer Reading Log by Saturday, August 23rd at 1 PM.

Adults can complete a paper reading log, available from the Reference Desk, or go to: <https://coventrylibrary.beanstack.com/> or download the Beanstack app on your device from the App Store or Google Play! Use the QR code here:



Making Your Yard a Pollinator Oasis Calvin Alexander, RI Beekeeper's Assoc. Thursday, Aug. 7th @ 6 - 7 p.m.

Join Calvin Alexander of the R.I. Beekeeper's Association, to learn how to attract pollinators to your yard. He will discuss what pollination is and why it is so important, who pollinates, honeybees as pollinators, and steps you can take to protect pollinators and pollinator plants. A collaboration with the Land Trust.

Free and open to the public. No registration required, but if you would like a friendly reminder before the event, call 401-822-9104 or email JCoppa@CoventryLibrary.org.

In collaboration with the Coventry Land Trust.



FULL Summer Clothespin Wreaths Tuesday, Aug. 19th @ 1 - 3 p.m.

Registration is full. To join the waitlist contact JCoppa@coventrylibrary.org or 822-9104.

Learn how to make a fun clothespin wreath in this adult craft class! We will be painting clothespins and attaching them to a wire wreath to create colorful, flower-shaped décor. We'll then glue organza fabric butterflies and wooden bees to embellish!